

REMARKS:

Claim 20 is directed to a non-elected invention and was previously withdrawn. Claims 1-19 are pending in the application. Claims 1 and 11 are currently amended.

Claims 1-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 2,774,553 to Jensen ("Jensen") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,535,861 to Young ("Young").

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a):

Claims 1-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jensen in view of Young. However, since Jensen and Young, whether considered separately or in combination as proposed by the Examiner, fails to disclose all of the limitations of Claims 1-19 as discussed below, this rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 1-10

Claim 1 is an independent claim, and Claims 2-10 depend, directly or indirectly, from Claim 1. Accordingly, the remarks herein made in connection with Claim 1 apply equally to Claims 2-10.

The Office Action acknowledges that a difference between the seals in Jensen and the seals of the claimed invention is that the seals in the claimed invention are fixed to the housing. The Office Action further states that this distinction is not recited in the claims.

Claim 1 is hereby amended to include the limitation of the seals being fixed to the housing. The Applicants make this amendment to Claim 1 in order to further prosecution. As noted by the Office Action, Jensen does not disclose seals being fixed to the housing. Furthermore, Young fails to cure this deficiency of Jensen. The Applicants submit that Claim 1, and Claims 2-10 which depend from Claim 1, are in condition for allowance. The Applicants submit that Claim 1, as amended, overcomes the Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), and that Claim 1, as amended, and Claims 2-10, are now in

prima facie condition for allowance. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request that Claims 1-10 be allowed.

Claims 11-19

Claim 11 is an independent claim, and Claims 12-19 depend, directly or indirectly, from Claim 11. Accordingly, the following remarks made in connection with Claim 11 apply equally to Claims 12-19.

The Office Action acknowledges that a difference between the seals in Jenson and the seals of the claimed invention is that the seals in the claimed invention are fixed to the housing. The Office Action further states that this distinction is not recited in the claims.

Claim 11 is hereby amended to include the limitation of the seals being fixed to the housing. The Applicants make this amendment to Claim 11 in order to further prosecution. As noted by the Office Action, Jenson does not disclose seals being fixed to the housing. Furthermore, Young fails to cure this deficiency of Jenson. The Applicants submit that Claim 11, and Claims 12-19 which depend from Claim 1, are in condition for allowance. The Applicants submit that Claim 11, as amended, overcomes the Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), and that Claim 11, as amended, and Claims 12-19, are now in *prima facie* condition for allowance. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request that Claims 11-19 be allowed.

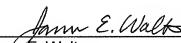
CONCLUSION:

The Applicants submit that the foregoing remarks place the subject application in *prima facie* condition for allowance. As such, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance.

This Amendment After Final is being filed via the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's EFS-Web electronic filing system. No fees are deemed to be necessary; however, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayments, to **Deposit Account No. 502806**.

Respectfully submitted,

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